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October 29, 2018

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
The Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Dear Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd:

I am writing to you in support of Duke Energy's Electric Transportation Pilot, which was filed with the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

Docket Title and Number

Docket title: Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Approval of Proposed Electric Transportation Pilot and An Accounting Order to Defer Capital and Operating Expenses
Docket number: 2018-322-E and 2018-321-E

NovaCHARGE is a leader in electric vehicle infrastructure and is actively working to advance the adoption of clean transportation by educating and sharing the advantages of driving an EV. For the past 10 years, we have promoted a reduction in carbon to improve air quality, created jobs to aid in the financial well being of the communities we serve, and, introduced and provided cutting edge products to make EV ownership and use – safe, reliable and grid friendly.

We support Duke's efforts to set in place a foundational network of corridor DC Fast charging which will reduce range anxiety and accelerate electric vehicle adoption. The benefits to the citizens of South Carolina are many:

- Electric vehicles and buses help improve air quality
- EVs are much cheaper to operate and maintain
- Infrastructure can also support service fleets
- New EV charger network will connect Duke Energy territory with other networks developing in neighboring service territories and states
- Increased power utilization with smart charging can put downward price pressure for all consumers
- Spur economic development and job creation in the selling, installation, and servicing of EVs and their related infrastructure.

While we are sure you receive many worthy requests, we trust that you will give favorable consideration to Duke Energy's Pilot.

Respectfully,

Helda Rodriguez, President
NovaCHARGE, LLC

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